

HOUSE BILL 1617

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-602, relative to the definition of “negotiating unit” within the Education Professional Negotiations Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-602(7), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(7) “Negotiating unit” means those professional employees, as defined in subdivision (11), in the respective school districts, exclusive of those persons specifically named as management personnel and exclusive of those persons employed in the positions of principal, assistant principal or system-wide supervisor pursuant to this chapter; and

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-602(11), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(11) “Professional employee” includes any person employed by any local board of education in a position that requires a license issued by the department of education for service in public elementary and secondary schools of this state, supported, in whole or in part, by local, state or federal funds, but does not include a retired teacher who is employed as a teacher in accordance with title 8, chapter 36, part 8 and, further, shall not include any person who is employed as a principal, assistant principal or system-wide supervisor in accordance with this chapter; and

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.